

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended). An anesthetic composition comprising ~~a fluoroether compound~~ sevoflurane ~~having an alpha-fluoroether moiety and a Lewis acid inhibitor in an amount effective to prevent degradation of the sevoflurane.~~ ~~having added thereto an effective stabilizing amount of a Lewis acid inhibitor.~~
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Original). The composition of claim 1 wherein the Lewis acid inhibitor is selected from a group consisting of water, butylated hydroxytoluene, methylparaben, propylparaben, propofol, and thymol.
4. (Currently Amended). The composition of claim 1 wherein ~~the fluoroether compound is sevoflurane and~~ the Lewis acid inhibitor is water.
5. (Original). The composition of claim 4 containing at least about 0.04% w/w to about 0.14% w/w of water.
6. (Currently Amended). A method of preparing the anesthetic composition of claim 1 comprising the step of adding the Lewis acid inhibitor to the ~~fluoroether compound~~ sevoflurane.
7. (Currently Amended). A method of preparing the anesthetic composition of claim 1 comprising the step of adding ~~the fluoroether compound~~ sevoflurane to the Lewis acid inhibitor.
8. (Currently Amended). A method of stabilizing ~~a fluoroether compound~~ sevoflurane ~~having an alpha-fluoroether moiety,~~ the method comprising the step of adding to ~~the sevoflurane fluoroether compound~~ sevoflurane ~~an effective stabilizing~~

amount of a Lewis acid inhibitor effective to prevent the degradation of the sevoflurane ~~fluoroether compound~~ by ~~the~~ a Lewis acid.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Original). The method of claim 8 wherein the Lewis acid inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of water, butylated hydroxytoluene, methylparaben, propylparaben, propofol and thymol.

11. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 8 wherein ~~the fluoroether compound is sevoflurane and~~ the Lewis acid inhibitor is water.

12. (Original). The method of claim 11 wherein the amount of water added to the sevoflurane is from about 0.04% to about 0.14% w/w.